

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Faith and Criticism" is the title of a collection of essays issued by E. P. Dutton & Co., which will repay a reading. They are written by such well-known English Congregationalists as Professors W. H. Bennett, W. F. Adeney and Armitage, and the Rev. Messrs. P. T. Forsyth, Eric A. Lawrence, R. F. Horton, H. Arnold Thomas, F. Herbert Stead and Thomas Raleigh. The topics discussed are the Old and New Testaments, the revelation of Christianity, Christ and the Christian, the atonement, the theory and practice of prayer, Christian missions and the Church and the State. These great topics, which occupy so important a place in current religious discussion, are treated with freshness, vigor and honesty, and in accordance with the modern methods of thought. Heretofore the Anglican Church in England has produced most of the theological literature worth preservation. But a school of Nonconformist theologians has arisen in recent years which bids fair to have a great influence on the thinking of the day. Indeed, it has already done so influential that the leaders of Anglican thought have been forced to police it, if only to combat it, or possibly smother it. Professor Fairbairn, who is well known in this country, and who has already done much to give Mansfield College, of which he is the head, a position of prominence, is perhaps, the leader of this Nonconformist school of theology. He has many able and brilliant followers and coadjutors in both England and Scotland, among whom the writers of these essays may be numbered. The article on the Old Testament, by Professor Bennett, of Hackney and New Colleges, London, and that of the New Testament, by Professor Adeney, of New College, are an excellent statement of what intelligent English Congregationalists are coming to believe concerning the issue.

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The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, has a wide-vogue as a forcible, hedge-hammer sort of preacher;

but his friends say that he would rather go down in history as a religious writer and thinker. However that may be, he has written a great many books, largely popular and homiletic in character, which show him to be a facile and robust. If not always profound, thinker. He is not the greatest English Nonconformist, by any means; but he has a large and devoted constituency of admirers, nevertheless, and yields considerable influence among religious people in England of the middle class. A fair estimate of his ability may be obtained from his "People's Bible," the twenty-first volume of which, treating of Mark-Luke, has just appeared (Funk & Wagnalls). For the profound Biblical scholar this work would possess little value, but average Christians of average intelligence will find in it much instruction apply put. It is, in fact, a horticultural commentary on the Bible, exhibiting on almost every page the peculiar earmarks of the author. While here and there he is plodding, his treatment is generally freehand, and often characterized by flashes of true religious insight.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Theodore Cheever has reviewed the writings of L. C. Baker, the Presbyterian divine, and Lee & Shepard, of Boston, publish his effort under the title, "The Biblical Eschatology: Its Relation to the Current Presbyterian Standards, and the Biblical Principles that Must Underlie Revision." Though the Presbyterian Church is not likely to heed Dr. Cheever's advice, his book is readable. In brief, its object is to throw overboard the old Calvinistic doctrine of predestination, and establish the principle of probation after death. Its spirit is well expressed by a passage from one of Bishop Brooks's sermons: "Man is a son of God on whom the devil has laid his hand, not a child of the devil whom God is trying to steal."

LITTLE, BROWN & Co., of Boston, issue "The New Religious Thinking," by David Nelson Beach. The book is a collection of sermons preached by the author, who is a Trinitarian Congregational clergyman of Cambridge, Mass. His aim is to state briefly and clearly what are some of the conclusions of modern religious thinking concerning God, man, nature, history, life and the like. It is revealed as a man of wide and rich culture, who has pondered well and wisely on the religious problems of the day. These sermons of his are something more than sermons; they are well-executed photographs of what may be called the orthodox progressive religious thought of New-England. All who think seriously and intelligently about the great questions of human destiny, and who desire to learn something about the tendency of modern religious speculation, will find this little volume both useful and interesting. In spirit, tone, treatment and perspective, it is admirable.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

THE STRANGER-BARTIN OR THROUGH SHADOW-LAND. By Edith C. Kenyon. 12mo, pp. 328. One week library. (\$1.00, Collier.)

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VIOLENT SUMMER STORMS.

DAMAGE DONE BY TORNADOES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST.

Winfield, Kan., June 23.—On Wednesday night a tornado struck Winfield, destroying many small houses and injuring a number of people, but only two fatally. The Episcopal church is completely destroyed. The Rabbit Hotel and Thompson Block, a three-story building, were badly damaged, and the plate-glass front of the First National Bank Building was blown away. The west wing of the courthouse was also blown away.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—A tornado came a swath fifty miles long across the counties above Atlanta yesterday afternoon. Atlanta, a small town halfway between Atlanta and Rome, on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, was annihilated. The storm headed direct for Atlanta, and hundreds who saw it sweeping down from Kennesaw Mountain ran into their cellars or out into the streets. On the western edge of the city the storm split and passed round on either side, blowing down small buildings and one small church, but causing no loss of life. At Dallas the houses of T. T. Foster, D. T. Lawrence, Mrs. Hardin and J. B. Hunt were wrecked. The brick hotel and twenty dwellings and stores were unroofed. Several persons were injured, but none fatally. All along the track of the storm the corn and fruit crops are ruined.

Guthrie, Okla., June 23.—A terrific hail and wind storm visited the northeastern portion of this

terry Wednesday night, doing thousands of dollars' damage to property and crops.

March, Mo., June 23.—A terrible windstorm occurred here Wednesday night. In Macon great damage was done to buildings and shade and fruit trees. The country north of here crops and fruit trees were destroyed over a large area. The brick house of Charles Norton was struck by lightning and was demolished by the wind. Several of the inmates were injured. No deaths have as yet been reported.

YOUNG WOMEN AT NORTHFIELD.

OPENING OF THE YEARLY CONFERENCE IN MR. MOODY'S GREAT SUMMER SCHOOL.

Northfield, Mass., June 23 (Special).—The Conference for Young Women opened here last evening. The devotional meeting from 7:30 to 8 o'clock was led by Mrs. A. J. Gordon, of Boston. The regular evening session was opened by Miss E. K. Price, general secretary of the International Committee of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Price welcomed the delegates in the name of the Young Women's Christian Association, and in the name of Mr. Moody. She then introduced Robert E. Speer, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, who delivered the address of the evening. His remarks were founded on the words found in Luke, XIV, 33: "Christ's Supremacy in Our Lives." First he said, "Christ claims supremacy over our occupations and professions; second, Christ claims supremacy over our nearest and dearest relationship by nature; third, Christ claims supremacy over the sphere of human life itself.

The work outlined for the week is as follows: Each morning at 8 o'clock there are to be talks on Christian work for and by young women; at 9 there will be a class under James McNaughton, of Mt. Hermon; at 10 an inductive class, led by Mr. Speer, and at 11 a college conference presided over by Miss Zehring, of the Boston Y. W. C. A. In this conference there will be papers and discussions on the opportunities and responsibilities of Christian work in colleges, and the best methods of conducting the same. The afternoons will be devoted to recreation. Each evening there will be an address given by some well-known speaker. At the college conference this morning two papers were given, one on "Character Growth During College Years," by Miss Minnie M. Fowler, of Wellesley; the other on "Personal Work in College," by Miss McElroy, of the Harmony Y. C. A. Owing to the rain there were no athletes this afternoon. At the meeting this afternoon Major Whittle spoke. The Wellesley Girls Club, which is present at the conference, sang

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